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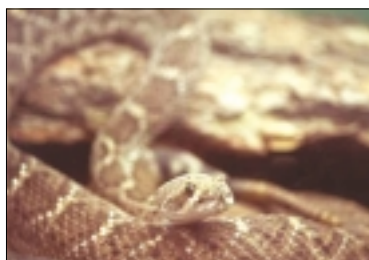
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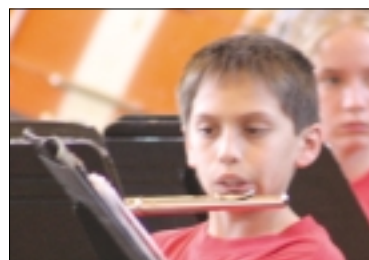
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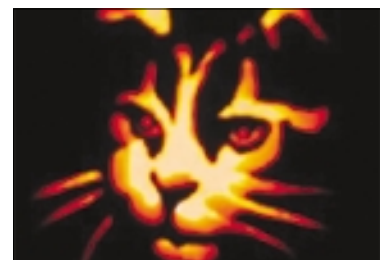
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# SMA express concerns setting standards, discipline

**SMA KENNETH O. PRESTON**  
SERGEANT MAJOR  
OF THE ARMY

In my most recent travels around the Army as the Sergeant Major of the Army, I've spoken to many leaders at all levels about the importance of standards and the impact enforcing standards has on discipline. Many of you have heard me talk about this in the past and I think it is time to revisit the basics.

I do this first because I was asked by senior leaders to help put some focus on standards and discipline.

I am a force provider and I am here to help all of those leaders, their commanders, and their Soldiers be a success in any mission they are

given.

I also do this because I have some concerns from what I have seen in my travels over the last eight months.

When a unit is traveling fast, has many missions to accomplish on the horizon and the pressure to provide results, sometimes they lose sight and don't focus on the fundamentals, the basic foundations that make us the elite Army we have become.

To understand how standards and discipline are related, you have to start with the basic premise of how we grow sergeants in the Army.

This is a basic three step process. Step one; establish a standard.

Army Regulation 670-1, Wear of the Uniform, is a standard that tells us

how to wear the uniform, items on the uniform, and all the accessories.

It guides our uniform in the field. The items we wear on the uniform or carry with us is a standard usually in accordance with a unit standard operating procedure.

The preventive maintenance checks we perform on our humvee in the motor pool is done to a standard outlined in the Operator's manual.

A patrol of Soldiers coming off mission in Baghdad, Iraq clear their weapons upon entering their base camp IAW the standard published in the Weapons Handling Procedures developed by the Safety Center.

Now with an understanding of standards, step two is put someone in charge of enforcing the

standards. This is where the sergeant is now responsible for his or her piece of the Army, those three or four Soldiers.

It is the sergeant who conducts daily inspections of soldier's uniforms.

It is the sergeant who conducts Pre-Conduct Checks of his or her soldier's arms and equipment before going out on patrol.

It is the sergeant who supervises the PMCS of the humvee during maintenance periods, and it is the sergeant who over-watches the Soldiers coming off patrol to ensure all have cleared their weapons to standard.

Step three in growing our leaders is to hold the sergeant accountable.

This is where the more senior leaders above the sergeant have their

responsibility.

To see what is being done to standard, senior leaders have to inspect.

A Soldier on patrol missing a piece of equipment means it was missed during PCCs by the Sergeant and obviously missed by a more senior leader during the Pre-combat Inspection.

This same analogy extends to every standard we set for our units and our sergeants to enforce.

So for the more senior leaders above the sergeant you must always remember your role in growing sergeants.

Lead by example by demonstrating the standard in all that you do.

This leading by example empowers the Sergeant to enforce standards on their small piece of the Army.

We have always said when a more senior leader demonstrates a lesser standard; this demonstration now becomes the new standard.

The demonstration of a lesser standard goes far deeper than just setting a new standard; it circumvents the authority of the sergeant.

I have learned over the years that the two basic building blocks for a sergeant to establish his or her authority and establish discipline in the organization begin with basic uniform and saluting standards.

Enforcing basic standards and holding Sergeants accountable for their Soldiers is critical to developing these young

leaders.

In every case where a Soldier has died because of an accident and the cause of death was negligence by sergeants to enforce standards, look to the fundamental standards and how these were enforced and the discipline within the organization.

In every case where the sergeant stops enforcing fundamental standards and senior leaders do not hold him accountable, the enforcement of standards in other areas begins to slip.

Short cuts in performing PMCS begin to become routine, soldiers stop wearing seatbelts, PCCs are not performed in detail, complacency begins to set in and sergeants stop making on the spot corrections.

The importance of the squad and platoon leadership in establishing standards and holding sergeants accountable is critical to the performance of the organization.

When you walk into an organization as an outsider and you see everyone in the same uniform, vehicle load plans are organized, basic fundamental drills are performed as routine, you learn a lot about the unit's discipline.

You know as an outsider that standards are established, everyone knows the standard, and there is a leader in charge.

The bottom line, be the standard, know the standard, and enforce the standard.



Photo by Master Sgt. Jose Velazquez

**Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston watches closely as a Soldier from Southern European Task Force's 173rd Airborne Brigade. Preston is stressing for all enlisted leaders to enforce standards.**

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# Soldiers bid farewell to Army

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SCOUT STAFF

Six soldiers, with more than 152 combined years of service, retired Friday in front of the flag post on Brown Parade Field.

The retirees were Chaplain (Col.) Richard S. Rogers, installation chaplain, with 36 years of service; Lt. Col. Ricky Miller, Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command who served for 24 years; Lt. Col. David M. Alegre, Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Huachuca ending 23 service years; Sgt. Maj. Lawrence M. Campbell Sr., 11th Signal Brigade with 28 years of service; Sgt. First Class Craig Meisner, 504th Signal Battalion, who served for 20 years; and Master Sgt. Wesley M. Good, with 22 years in ser-

vice.

"I will miss being part of something that is bigger than I am," said Alegre who, along with Rogers and Miller, received the Legion of Merit award upon retirement. Campbell, Good and Meisner received the Meritorious Service Medal.

In paying honors to these six American heroes, Col. Jonathan Hunter, garrison commander, noted that it would be "impossible in a few minutes to do justice to their years of service to our nation."

"They have made our Army better to where we are, today, the premiere combat force in the world," Hunter added.

Good and Campbell are retiring locally, Alegre and family are retiring to Prescott, Ariz., Miller is retiring to Georgia, Meisner to Virginia and the Rogers' are undecided.



Photo by Spc. Joy Pariente

From right, Col. Richard Rogers, Lt. Col. David M. Alegre, Lt. Col. Ricky Miller, Sgt. Maj. Lawrence M. Campbell Sr., Master Sgt. Wesley M. Good and Sgt. 1st Class Craig B. Meisner say good-bye to the Army.

## From Army trained killer to messenger of God

SPC. JOY PARIANTE  
SCOUT STAFF

While standing on Brown Parade Field on Friday Chaplain (Col.) Richard Rogers must have had a lot to reflect on. Behind the smile he wore throughout the awards presentations, the speeches and the Pass in Review, Rogers

could have been recalling any one of a million experiences he's gained in his 36 years of service.

Rogers, whose last assignment was installation chaplain at Fort Huachuca, began his career in 1964 as a Reserve Officer Training Corps cadet.

"I thought I'd have a better chance at a better quality of life

with a commission," Rogers said. Upon graduation, he branched infantry and during his time as an infantry officer he served as a company commander four times, fought in Vietnam and was awarded the combat infantryman's badge.

However, Rogers couldn't see eye to eye with the officers who were aiming for careerism because they assumed no wars were to follow Vietnam and Korea. These officers, Rogers said, just did what looked good for their evaluations and promotions.

Rogers on the other hand, couldn't stand the idea of being promoted and sitting behind a desk, never interacting with the troops.

Rogers then left the Army and began shoeing horses to "keep from starving to death." He said he didn't want to stay infantry and wanted to branch chaplain.

Thanks to his role as a church

pastor, he could get his wish. As a religious figure, Rogers was no longer qualified to be infantryman, and finally in 1982, Rogers was recommissioned as a chaplain.

"Being a chaplain is on a different end of the spectrum," he explained.

As infantry, he said, he got to "play with things that go bang, go to the field and tear up the countryside." As a chaplain, he explained, you can't shoot but you still get to blow things up. Plus, chaplains get to ride in tanks so they don't have to ruck everywhere and they get to talk to everyone without having any undesirable extra duties such as administering Article 15s.

"We get to do all the fun things combat arms and combat support officers get to do but without the extra duties."

Because of this high privilege, low restriction position, Rogers said, chaplains have to conduct

themselves way above criticism.

The best part of the chaplaincy, Rogers said, is getting to go everywhere and talk to Soldiers. "Everyone's happy to see chaplains," he laughed, "chaplains don't busy their chops."

Despite garnering many awards such as multiple foreign jump wings, the Legion of Merit, Pathfinder badge, Ranger tab, parachutist wings and numerous Vietnam service ribbons, Rogers is looking forward to life without the greens.

"I'll miss dining facilities and bugle calls," he said. "My life is regulated by bugle calls. I know at nine-thirty, if I'm not in bed (and I hear the bugle call), I'm wrong. When I've gotten home from work early, and I'm sitting on my porch and I hear retreat, I jump up and honor the colors. When they play reveille, I get to stop running

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Photo by Joy Pariente

Chaplain (Col.) Richard Rogers retired Friday on Brown Parade Field after 36 years of military service.

## Hispanic celebration filled with flavor, fun

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS DONALD SPARKS  
NCOIC, USAIC&FH PAO

Fort Huachuca celebrated the contributions of Hispanics to the Department of Defense Friday at Murr Community Center with a tasteful twist. The format of the ceremony broke away from the traditional guest speaker addressing the audience, but was more like a stage for famed chef Emeril.

Two weeks prior to the post's Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration, Sgt. 1st Class Armando Viera was hit with several roadblocks in the program as several acts cancelled at the last minute.

However Viera, U.S. Army Garrison equal opportunity advisor, came up with a

flavorful idea to make the program a success despite his original planning.

"I was frustrated and I asked my wife if she had any ideas," Viera said. "And she said, 'why don't you do a cooking show?' I thought it was a great idea."

During the event, Viera sported a chef's apron with the words, 'Grill Sergeant' engraved on the front. Just as Emeril captivates his TV audience how to cook Cajun delicacies, Viera did the same as he described in both English and Spanish how to cook a Hispanic dish.

Viera mentioned a celebration with food and music is an integral part of Hispanic culture, regardless if you're Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or whatever your background

as a Hispanic American.

"The music and the food are always combined no matter what festivities we celebrate," Viera said. "I just wanted to show everyone the fun side of our culture."

Food representing countries such as Bolivia, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Panama and the Dominican Republic were featured to please the palates of the attendees at the event.

Everyone attending the event left with a recipe book comprised of recipes from Soldiers and family members of Headquarters, Headquarters Company, USAG.

The audience was treated to a Salsa dancing demonstration and also to a musical

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Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Jose Alejandro and his daughter Leah demonstrate Salsa dancing.

# Army partners to research breast cancer

BY MICHAEL E. DUKES  
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

Officials from the Walter Reed Clinical Breast Care Project recently joined forces with one of the world's top breast cancer researchers — forming a collaboration that they believe could lead to a significant medical breakthrough for women.

Walter Reed had already been working since 2000 with Windber Research Institute in Pennsylvania on identifying genomic changes in breast tissue, said project director Col. Craig Shriver.

Now Army researchers have joined efforts with Dr. Phillippe Darbe, a molecular biologist at Reading University in the United Kingdom.

After presenting findings to the Society of Surgical Oncology showing cancer to be more prevalent in certain areas of

women's breasts, Walter Reed researchers were introduced to Darbe.

Separately, both Walter Reed's and Darbe's research seemed to have only half the equation. After the editor of Lancet Oncology introduced them to each other, they realized that their research was leading in the same direction; so they combined efforts.

"It's a tantalizing possibility that this experimental work can provide some really definitive answers, but it's not going to be quick, that's for sure," Darbe said.

"Over the course of many years, Darbe has been a world leader in identifying the fact that there are environmentally based chemicals that end up in breast tissue, and some of those chemicals are found in some commonly used antiperspirants and deodorants," Shriver said.

The focus of Darbe's research has been on

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biologist,

molecular  
Reading University

parabens, a chemical preservative used in many cosmetics "[Parabens] can mimic estrogen action and last January we showed that we can measure it in the breast," Darbe said.

The Walter Reed research is the first experimental work Darbe said she knows of, "that really suggests that there is something hitting a particular part of the breast, which causes genomic instability in that region. The outer region of the breast is where these chemicals are being applied in quite large quantities."

"We're looking at patients' breast tissues and

trying to correlate actual chemical concentrations to include parabens, aluminum and perhaps some others," Darbe explained.

The collaborative research team is examining the relationship between chemicals and genomic changes, which are occurring at various parts of the breast tissue and to "see if we can develop a one-to-one relationship," she said.

"Now with this collaboration, we know that these chemicals do accumulate within the breast but it's been circumstantial between levels of these chemicals either by environmental pollutants or application of cosmet-

ics and actual changes in the DNA," said Dr. Darryl Ellsworth, the project's lead researcher at Winber Research Institute.

"If we could establish that link, it would provide direct evidence that these chemicals actually can cause genomic changes and it's a stronger likelihood that they may be associated with development of cancer," Ellsworth added.

"We're sort of in the initial execution stage, because we had to change or modify the way that we acquire the samples," Shriver said.

"We've just begun that, and Dr. Jeffrey Hooke, [the project's lead pathologist,] has a number of samples that are ready to go. We're beyond planning and into early execution, but we have no results as of yet."

"The specimens that we're dealing with here are actual mastectomy specimens where you

have the whole breast," Hooke explained.

"In those specimens we can collect tissue from each of the different quadrants of the breast," he said. "For this particular project I'm collecting samples in duplicate; one set of samples goes up to Windber for the genomic studies and the other set of samples, from each of the quadrants, will go to Dr. Darbe for her studies."

"If we could actually get to the root cause of cancer — if we could actually prove that a particular chemical caused that cancer — then one could start using profiling, either by genomic or proteomic means, to try and identify what the early changes are and then (what) the later changes are," Darbe said.

"No matter what the result is, it's going to be interesting," Shriver said.

*(Editor's note: Michael Dukes is a staff writer for the Stripe newspaper at Walter Reed.)*

## Be aware of breast cancer threat

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SCOUT STAFF

Breast cancer is a deadly, looming threat in the lives of women throughout all walks of life. This year alone, about 216,000 cases of invasive, or spreading, cancer will be diagnosed and 59,390 non-invasive cancer cases will be discovered.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women and, like most cancers, is caused by an abnormal gene that causes an uncontrolled growth of cells. The cells form a tumor which contains the abnormal cells which may or may not spread to surrounding tissues and lymph nodes.

Women should frequently perform self breast exams (see sidebar) to stay aware of changes occurring in the shape or feel of their breasts. Women should look for dimpling, lumps, thickening, swelling or discoloration in the breasts. Self exams should not take the place of visiting a doctor and any problems should be reported to your doctor for further examination.

A female's lifetime risk of getting breast cancer at some point in her life is one in eight. A number of factors may increase your risk including smoking, a previous diagnosis of some form of breast cancer or a family his-

tory of breast cancer. These factors, however, do not guarantee getting breast cancer. Poor dietary habits are attributed to the development of almost 30 percent of all cancers.

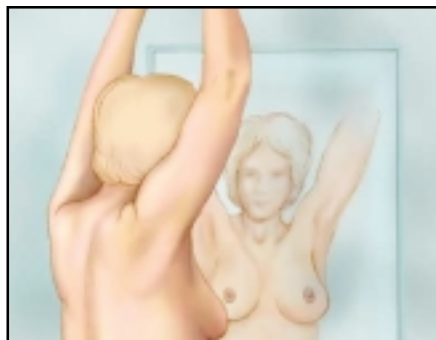
The largest risk factor in breast cancer is just getting older. Only five to 10 percent of abnormalities relating to cancer are passed on from parents. About 90 percent are caused by the natural aging process and things you're exposed to throughout life. The odds of a woman getting breast cancer under the age of 39 is one in 23 but the odds jump to one in 15 when women reach age 60.

Breast cancer prevention should be on every woman's priority list. Prevention is very basic including quitting smoking, limiting alcohol intake, exercising regularly and eating healthy. Foods containing animal fat should be consumed in moderation. Women should avoid putting extra estrogen in their bodies if at all possible, although birth control pills have not been proven to cause breast cancer.

Be mindful to visit your doctor for routine exams and keep up on your self breast exams so problems, if they occur, they can be diagnosed and treated early on.

*(Editor's note: Information was compiled from [www.breastcancer.org](http://www.breastcancer.org).)*

## Tips on self examination



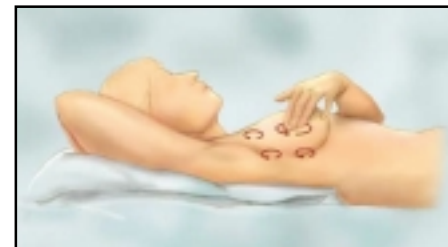
**Step one:** Begin by looking at your breasts in the mirror with your shoulders straight and your arms on your hips. You should be looking for:

- Breasts that are their usual size, shape and color
- You should report the following to your doctor:
  - dimpling, puckering or bulging of the skin
  - a nipple that has changed position or become inverted
  - redness, soreness, rash or swelling

**Step two:** Raise arms and look for same changes

**Step three:** While you're at the mirror, gently squeeze each nipple between your finger and thumb and check for a milky or yellow discharge or blood. Report discharge to your doctor.

**Step four:** Feel breast while lying down. Use your left hand to feel right breast and visa versa. Use a firm, smooth touch with the first few fingers of your hand, keeping fingers flat and together. Cover the entire breast from top to bottom, side to side, from your collarbone to the top of your abdomen and from your armpit to your cleavage to ensure that you check the entire breast. You're looking for abnormalities such as lumps or thickening.





# Committee prep family action conference

## SCOUT REPORTS

Committee chairpersons and support personnel began planning the 2005 Army Family Action Plan Conference in its first meeting held Sept. 27. The meeting, led by Col. Jonathan B. Hunter, U.S. Army Garrison commander, outlined priorities for the group in preparation for next year's conference.

AFAP is a grass-roots level process which started in 1984 that identifies issues of concern of the global Army family. AFAP is a process that lets Soldiers and families say what's working, and what isn't – and what they think will fix it.

It alerts commanders and Army leaders to areas of concern that need their attention and it gives them the opportunity to quickly put plans into place to work toward resolving the issues.

"Currently the AFAP Planning Committee is locking in the dates for the conference," said Shirley Pettaway, Army Community Services director. "Tentatively the conference is sched-

uled for Feb. 28 to March 4, 2005."

Pettaway said the committee is working on various staff and support issues such as determining where to place 'issue boxes,' selecting a guest speaker and outreach to retirees. But most importantly, the committee is seeking a program manager and volunteers to make the AFAP conference a success.

"We're looking for someone who has experience in the Army Family Action Plan," Pettaway said. "There are also a variety of volunteer positions for people to get involved in."

Following the AFAP conference, groups will evaluate issues affecting Fort Huachuca to recommend and decide which ones can be solved at the installation level and which topics should go on to the major command or Army level conferences.

Anyone associated with the Army, can be an AFAP participant. Soldiers, retirees, civilians, or family members - active, Guard, or Reserve, you can be part of local, MACOM, and HQDA AFAP programs.

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**Shirley Pettaway,  
Army Community Services  
director**

The Fort Huachuca AFAP committee is encouraging volunteers to help with a conference, assist with the program, or be a member of the local AFAP Advisory Committee.

Volunteer positions include:

**Delegate:** Represents America's Army Family. Through group discussion identifies issues and assists with forming recommendations for resolution.

**Facilitator:** Directs the activity of the group and stimulates discussion and

serves as neutral steward of the group.

**Recorder:** (scribe) Using the words of the speaker, captures basic ideas on paper in full view of the group.

**Admin support:** During the conference, aids with registration and other administrative tasks.

**Subject Matter Expert:** Is an advisor to the group. Assists work groups in describing issues and developing solutions and suggests alternate courses of action.

All delegates, subject matter experts, and facilitators must attend training. All Training will be conducted at Murr Community Center.

"It's never too late or too early to start thinking about issues that affect the community," Pettaway said. "We want people to get their issues ready as soon as possible."

For more information or to become involved in the upcoming AFAP conference please contact the Army Family Action Plan Coordinator at 533-3686/2330, by e-mail at [huachucaafap@hotmail.com](mailto:huachucaafap@hotmail.com), or stop by ACS.

## Fort winning war against high costs, improving service to garrison

### SPECIAL TO THE SCOUT

Fort Huachuca was recognized as having the best Cost Management program in the Army and was rewarded a \$100,000 prize for the accomplishment. These funds are being invested in programs that will improve service to our Soldier and civilian customers of the garrison.

"This is a tangible result of years of developing a culture of cost management," said Col. Jonathan B. Hunter, U.S. Army Garrison commander. "This culture says that every resource is important and must be managed just like our personal funds."

The \$100,000 prize was awarded for three outstanding ideas that reflect our culture of cost management.

One idea for saving dollars came from Tom Campbell in the garrison Directorate of Installation Management. Campbell identified a new process to use treated effluent

instead of potable water at the sewer treatment plant. This initiative was implemented by installing a submersible pump in the treated effluent sump and installing piping from this pump to the wash down booster pump and the polymer booster pump. This great idea will save Fort Huachuca more than \$54,000 per year and 13 million gallons of water.

Heidi Malarchik and Mary Jane Lavalley at the Child Development Center had another innovative idea. They carefully analyzed the labor costs not associated with direct care, it was determined that substantial labor cost savings could be attained by lowering the back-up coverage costs of the required 15 minute breaks, staff training, and staff planning. Their review identified more than \$58,000 in savings. This will allow the Child Development Center to keep the cost of childcare affordable for Soldiers on the installation.

The third idea was a combined effort from Dennis Sherrod, Education Services Directorate, Bruce Richardson, Mark Toddle, and Virginia Taylor of Cochise College and members of the 111th Military Intelligence Brigade. Soldiers going to 12 MI military occupational specialty schools and the Basic and Advanced Noncommissioned Officer courses at Fort Huachuca can register with Cochise College for a one-time \$35 fee.

Military instructors are certified as adjunct faculty members for the College. At the time of MOS completion, Soldiers receive 15-22 semester hours of college credit on an official college transcript. Each MOS school has been evaluated and the awarding is based on the American Council of Education recommendations. This outstanding initiative has provided MI Soldiers with over

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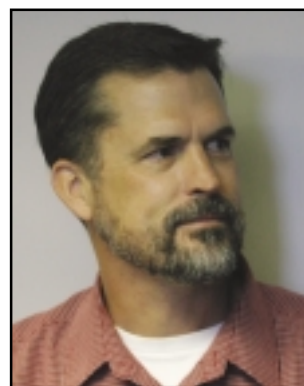
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# B 304th MI Bn. Soldiers engage rappel tower

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS DONALD SPARKS

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Sometimes a bad memory can linger in a Soldier's mind for a long time. For Pvt. Shannon Holley, Company B, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion, her worst memory of basic training this past summer, was not the drill sergeants screaming, nor the early morning wake-up calls.

Her worst memory was the rappel tower. Thursday during her unit's Sergeant's Time Training, Holley was taken aback to the day in basic when she 'possumed' (turned upside down) three times on the rappel tower.

"I'm scared," Holley said, as she waited nervously for her turn to rappel. "I really don't want to do this. Getting into the L-shape is what scares me the most."

Despite her fears, Sgt. Roy Cormier and Sgt. Randy Stephens were determined to motivate Holley into overcoming her fear.

"We're not going to let you go," said Cormier as he tried coddling her into getting into the L-shape position. "I promise you, I'll be right here. Look at me Holley; we will not let you fall."

On the ground the command leadership team began to worry the Soldier was not going to make the attempt to rappel and considered having her come back down from the tower. However, the two noncommissioned officers assured everyone the Soldier would complete the mission.

After some more motivation from Cormier, Holley, with tears in her eyes, positioned herself on the skid and slowly assumed the L-shape. For Holley each second seemed like minutes and each minute seemed like hours, but eventually she engaged the rappel tower and bound down to the ground as her fellow Soldiers cheered her on.

"I shouldn't have cried," Holley said after completing her rappel. "I was pissed, but I'm not a quitter. I feel a lot better about myself and I'm glad it's over. I'm not doing it again."

The training was a break from the same monotony and a break from the unit's normal operations, according to 1st Sgt. Jesus Diaz, Company B, 304th MI Bn. More than anything else, Diaz expressed his satisfaction in watching his Soldiers gain confidence and his

NCOs lead Soldiers.

"Part of you wants to tell the Soldier to get down off the tower due to training time requirements," Diaz said. "But it's good to see a Soldier overcome their fears and that will pay off in the future for that Soldier."

"Also I enjoyed looking at my young junior NCOs work their leadership skills."



*Pvt. Shannon Holley nervously assumes her L-shape.*



*Spec. Alison Bockstahler watches the rappel demonstration from the tower.*



*Sgt. Randy Stevens, Company B, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion instructs a Soldier to rappel down the tower.*

Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks



# Joint operation nets massive weapons cache

BY CPL. BENJAMIN COSSEL  
ARMY NEWS SERVICE

More than 400 rockets, 7,275 rounds of anti-aircraft ammunition and one U.S. Tube-launched Optically-tracked Wire-guided Missile were just the tip of the iceberg during a recent weapons cache discovery north of Baghdad.

"We would begin digging in a new area and we just kept finding stuff," said the 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment senior Iraqi National Guard advisor Capt. Mark Leslie, of the First Team's 39th Brigade Combat Team.

The discovery began with a tip from a reluctant informant. Rumors had circulated within the Iraqi National Guard camp of a citizen who knew where a very large cache of weapons was located, but fear for his life kept him from speaking with Multi-National Forces.

"Once word got back to us, we began trying to get Soldiers with the ING to bring this guy to talk to us. But the gentleman just wasn't having any of it," said ING advisor Staff Sgt. Ronald Denton, of 2-7 Cav.'s Headquarters Company.

Known locally as a fair and honest person, the commander of Company D, 307th ING Battalion finally convinced the man to speak with him and to ultimately work with Multi-National Forces to recover the cache.

"Had it not been for the reputation of Lt. Col. Waleed within the community, I really don't think we would have ever found the cache," Denton said.

After the information was obtained,

Company D, 307th ING Battalion and supporting troopers from 2-7 Cavalry gathered up detection equipment and headed to the location.

"The initial cache discovery was exactly where the informant said it would be. But as we started spreading out, we kept finding more cache sites."

Fanning out from the original location, Soldiers would eventually discover 12 sites, each within one kilometer of the original. The total amount of items discovered was staggering: 12 SS-30 127-millimeter rockets with launchers, 20 rocket mortars, multiple, varying intensity mortar rounds and other various armaments.

As the Soldiers began loading the discovered items for transport back to Camp Taji, the ING noticed that something just didn't seem right.

"You've really got to attribute the success of this mission to the ING," said Leslie. "They live in the areas we're going to, so they know when something looks off. People are more willing to come up to them, talk to



Photo by Staff Sgt. Thomas Baebourgg

**Capt. Mark Leslie, a senior ING advisor with 2-7 Cavalry reviews the excavation of weapons and armament by Iraqi National Guard.**

them and give them information we would probably not get. As we were drawing close to moving back to Taji they came up to us and voiced their concerns, and asked that we increase our search area a bit more."

Working off the ING's suspicion, the Troopers set to increasing their search radius, moving further and further away from the initial site. Soon enough, the search paid off.

"We found what appeared to be another significant cache location just a

few [kilometers] away from the first sight," said Leslie. "At that point, a quick look at our maps and we realized we were moving outside the 1st Cavalry Division's AO into areas maintained by the 1st Infantry Division."

Securing the site for the evening, wheels were set in motion to secure permission to cross AO boundaries.

"As soon as we got back to Camp Taji, we started contacting 2nd of the 108th [the command responsible for the area] to get permission to go into their AO," Leslie said.

Even more than granting permission, 2nd of the 108th, a New York National Guard Infantry Regiment attached to the 1st ID, sent elements to assist in the security and excavation of the site."

"This is how joint operations are supposed to work," said Haney. "You request permission, it gets approved and they send Soldiers down to help with the mission. That's Army teamwork!"

The second day of search operations revealed a much more significant find in terms of items seized as well as the five individuals who were detained for later questioning.

"We found so many mortar rounds, it was just unreal," said Denton. "And the amount of [Improvised Explosive Device] (IED) making material, and the list just goes on."

Included in the discovery that day was over 150 pounds of PE-4 explosive, the explosive favored by Anti-Iraqi Forces in the construction of Vehicle Borne IEDs that have targeted Multi-National Forces and civilians alike.

Three heavy dump trucks were needed to haul the entire cache contents back to Camp Taji where it will be disposed of.

"Everything came together like it's supposed to on this operation," Leslie said. "Everybody worked together in a joint [operation] that should make residents of Camp Taji and Camp Anaconda sleep a little easier knowing we have denied the enemy these tools of destruction."

*(Editor's note: Cpl. Cossel is a member of the 122nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment.)*

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performance by Staff Sgt. Ronald Hurtado de Mendoza.

Mendoza, a native of Bolivia, performed a traditional Bolivian dance and played the charango, a Bolivian Indian guitar.

Viera expressed just as the food is diverse, so is the diversity of all Hispanics who serve in uniform for the U.S. Armed Forces.

"When you travel across America, people talk with different dialects in different regions and it's the same with those who speak Spanish," Viera said. "That's what makes America so beautiful. We can come to a country, express ourselves and keep the roots of our culture."



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

**Staff Sgt. Ronald Hurtado de Mendoza plays the Charango, a Bolivian Indian guitar.**

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for a whole thirty seconds. Bugle calls are cool."

And the DFAC? "You can get a great meal for about three dollars," he said. "All you can eat. And breakfast for just a dollar seventy."

And what won't Rogers miss? "Stupid people. The worst thing about the Army is stupid people," he said. "When you get a large group of people together, you're bound to find stupid people," he explained. "And you get stupid people at all ranks."

Rogers doesn't know where he's heading or what he'll be doing after retirement just yet. "I just can't get a job," he said. "I thought Army officers were top stuff." He's hoping to get called by a church to be a pastor and, he said, he'll do that until he's too old to do it anymore. Rogers also plans on working in some fishing, bicycling and doing physical training. Some old habits die hard.

After spending a good portion of his life helping Soldiers through their worst times and being there for their best times, what's Rogers's overview on the Soldiers he's served?

"The best part of being a chaplain is being with Soldiers," he said. "You get to be with Soldiers all your life."

"Soldiers are emotionally and intellectually genuine. Soldiers are people at their most honest."



## Range Closures

Today – AA, AC, AD, AF, AG, AH, AK, AL, AM, AR, AU, AW

Friday – AA, AC, AD, AF, AG, AL, AW, T1, T1A, T2

Saturday – AB, AD, AF, AG, AU, AW, T1, T1A, T2

Sunday – AD, AF, AG, AU, AW, T1, T1A, T2

Monday – AD, AF, AG, AW

Tuesday – AD, AF, AG, AH, AK, AL, AN, AR, AW

Wednesday – AD, AF, AG, AH, AK, AL, AM, AN, AR, AW

For more information, call 533-7095. Closures subject to change.

## CFC donation update

As of Oct. 14, the people of Fort Huachuca have donated \$58,625.00 to the Combined Federal Campaign. The goal this year is \$430,000 and the campaign ends on Nov. 4. See your unit representative to donate.

## Adult Ed registration

Cochise College Adult Education is registering students for free GED, math, and English for Speakers of Other Languages classes. Students can register in the Adult Education building on the Sierra Vista Campus.

Registration and placement testing for ESOL will take place today. Call 515-5456 to schedule an appointment.

All classes start Monday. For more information or to register, call 515-5456.

## AFTB Level II classes offered

Army Family Team Building will offer Level II AFTB classes 5:30 - 9 p.m., today and 26 at Murr Community Center, Building 51301.

AFTB Level II is a series of classes that range from understanding Army life to enhancing leadership skills.

Contact Andrea Sovern, AFTB program manager, at 533-3686 for more information. To sign up for the class, call Army Community Service at 533-2330.

## Chapel car wash

The Fort Huachuca Chapel Teen Groups are sponsoring a carwash to benefit the Giving Tree Program. Vehicles will be washed and hand-waxed, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, in the Main Post Chapel Parking Lot. Volunteers are welcome to participate. Suggested donations are \$5 for wash, \$10 for hand wax. For more information, call Mike DeRienzo at 227-6059.

## Newcomer's orientation

Army Community Service wants to welcome newcomers to the Fort Huachuca community. The Huachuca Welcome – a newcomer's orientation – is scheduled Oct. 29, at Murr Community Center.

The orientation will provide one-stop access to the information needed to make the transition to Fort Huachuca a smooth one for spouses and family members. Information about school and youth programs, health care services, employment assistance programs and more will be provided, and a tour of the post is included.

Pre-register for the welcome by calling ACS at 533-2330. For more information, call Pamela Allen at 533-5919.

## Chapel fall party

The Fort Huachuca Chapel Teen Groups will enjoy a Fall Party, Oct. 31, 5-6 p.m., at the Main Post Chapel. Middle school and high school teens and their families are encouraged to attend in Biblical costumes (optional). For more information, call Mike DeRienzo, 227-6059.

## Giving Tree volunteers

The Giving Tree Program still is in need of volunteers to man the table at the Post Exchange at various times between Nov. 1 and Dec. 3. The two-hour increments start at 10 a.m. and close down at 4 p.m. For more information, call 533-4748.



## AFTB Level III classes offered

Army Family Team Building will offer Level III AFTB classes 5:30 - 9 p.m., Oct. 27, 28, Nov. 3 and 4, at Murr Community Center, Building 51301. AFTB Level III is a series of advanced leadership classes.

For more information, or to sign up for the class, call Army Community Service at 533-2330.

## Sick call policy

Soldiers with the rank of E-6 and below must have a sick call slip, DD form 689, from their unit to be seen at sick call in Building 51101

## Veterans Day parade

A Veterans Day parade will begin at

9 a.m., Nov. 11 at Fry Boulevard and 7th Street and will proceed down Fry to Veteran's Memorial Park in Sierra Vista.

## Marine Corps ball

The 229th Marine Corps Ball will be at 6 p.m., Nov. 12 at the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre. For more information, call 533-6776.

## OCS board

The next Installation OCS Board will convene on Dec. 1. All packets are due to the Actions and Promotions Office no later than Nov. 12. If you are interested please see your S-1 to make an appointment with the Actions and Promotions Department.

## New open recreation program

School-Age Services will present an open recreation program for grades 1 - 5, 1 - 4 p.m., the first Saturday of each month at the Seifert School-Age Services Center, Building 52056.

Cost of the program will be \$2.50 per child, per hour. All children must be registered with Child and Youth Services. Call 533-0738 for registration information.

For more information or to register, call 538-1198 or 533-7633.

## Give blood

The American Red Cross is asking for support to help save lives by replenishing the blood supply due to summer shortages. During the summer months the demand for blood has outpaced the dona-

tions received. For more information, call 800-GIVE-LIFE.

## Turnaround point

If you are new to Fort Huachuca and are in need of clothing, household and miscellaneous items, come and see us at Turnaround Point, sponsored by the installation Staff Chaplain's Office.

The Turnaround Point is located across the street from the Armed Forces Bank and share the entrance with the Laundromat. TAP is open 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, including volunteer and item pickup information, call 533-4748.

## New Episcopal service

The Main Chapel is inviting patrons to attend the new Episcopal Church services on Sundays at 8 a.m.

The congregation will feature monthly breakfasts, fellowship and is open to all denominations. For more information, call Chaplain (Maj.) Bob Neske at 538-7379.

## NAACP banquet

The Greater Huachuca Area Branch NAACP will host its 2004 Freedom Fund Banquet Nov. 6 at the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre. from 6 - 11 p.m.

Guest speaker is Hilary O. Shelton, Director of the NAACP Washington Bureau. Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door.

Contact Anthony Isom, 803-9437, Berthe Simpson 459-4181, or Nettie McCarroll, 459-2494 for tickets.

## Fresh cut

*Post resident, Sarah Baier, 8, read about Locks of Love, a n o n - p r o f i t organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children suffering from long-term medical hair loss at school last year and decided to donate her own hair to the charity, said her mother, Tammy. "I just thought it was really nice because some kids just don't have any hair because of things like cancer," Sarah said. "I just thought it would be really nice to do it." Sarah said she'd been growing her hair out*



Photo by Spc. Susan Redwine



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\$11 million worth of college credits. It has freed up tuition assistance money for more Soldiers to further their education.

According to Jim Freauff, Chief, Plans, Fort Huachuca Analysis and Integration Office, the \$100,000 prize money is being used by the organizations that came up with the ideas to fund badly needed projects that were not in the budget.

Campbell's organization has purchased state of the art engineering design equipment and software. The new tool will significantly improve the productivity of the Engineering department.

Sherrod is using his share of the funds to renovate the Education Center and improve the educational environment for the fort's Soldiers. The Child Development Center is using its funds to purchase outdoor equipment and renovate the interior courtyard for the children, parents, and staff.

"This culture of cost management has evolved over the last eight years," Freauff said. "It is based on a vision that we can find better ways to manage our limited resources. When we free up money it is available to fund other requirements."

Freauff added the ultimate objective is to perform the installation's mission better. "Freeing up resources provides funding to improve the quality and timeliness of garrison services," Freauff said.

Over the last four years the Garrison staff has come up with more than 600 cost initiatives valued at over \$30 million. Freauff said these outstanding achievements are the result of good management throughout the garrison.

"The garrison commander and garrison directors hold quarterly meeting to evaluate their costs of providing services to their customers," Freauff said. "They

identify a new process each quarter to evaluate. Everyone gets involved. People challenge what is happening in their organization."

Most importantly, Freauff added, "They look at what is being done and challenge the requirements. They look for better ways to do the work and they look for less expensive ways to accomplish the work, while maintaining the quality of the service to the customer."

If you are interested in leaning more about how you can get started with cost management in your organization, contact Freauff at 533-3135.

## Cost warriors

The following are Cost Warrior nominations for the month of October.

Directorate of Installation Support nominee is **Laurie Genz**, Environmental Protection Specialist. She took a lead role in managing disposal of DS2 from the 11th Signal Brigade. This material had always been disposed of as a hazardous waste. Through efforts from her, DLA and the brigade,

37,090 pounds of DS2 went to a reclamation contractor rather than disposal as hazardous waste. Her initiative resulted in a cost avoidance to the brigade of \$ 68,968.8).

Directorate of Information Management nominee **Carlos Reed** is nominated for reducing the DOIM GSA Vehicle fleet, streamlining the process to turn in supplies and equipment and increasing the threshold for Property

Book Accountability of IT equipment from \$50 to \$5,000. DOIM will save approximately \$15,500 annually in inventory man-hours.

Equal Employment Opportunity Office nominee **Beth Ford** is recognized for her initiatives regarding obtaining free equipment/services for the disabled employees from CAP, cost Avoidance-providing one-on-one training with disabled applicants, college

students and retiring soldiers on how to apply for federal jobs on Fort Huachuca using RESUMIX and the use of free labor at Women's Equality Day (the Tombstone Vigilantes), no cost to the Military Equal Opportunity Office.

**Shari Worthey** is nominated for developing a better process to account for CPAC property. She conducted a 100percent property

inventory and then figured out a way to make property accountability less painful and more efficient.

Her initiatives include using an automated hand receipt and tracking system, using a digital camera to create a 'picture' record that makes it easier to identify the equipment, and tying the equipment to specific computer drops which identifies exact automation locations.

## Disability awareness

*Trina Smolen, Commission on Disability Issues chairperson, spoke at the Disability Employment Awareness luncheon Oct. 13 at the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre.*



Photo by Elizabeth Davie



# Huachuca's wilderne

## Living with fort's wildlife can be enjoyable with caution

BY JOHN E. ROBERTS

FH ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION

The Environmental and Natural Resources Division receives calls daily from Soldiers, civilians, and family members asking for help concerning wildlife coming into contact with them at home and at work.

For the past few years winter rains have not materialized in sufficient quantities, and therefore water and food sources for wildlife in the Huachuca Mountains and grasslands have been severely reduced.

As a result we can expect to see increased wildlife and human encounters within the cantonment areas and specifically the Bonnie Blink area due to its close proximity to the mountains.

The purpose of this article is to answer some of the more commonly asked questions about urban and wilderness wildlife situations that occur at Fort Huachuca.

**Question:** "I've got deer, javelina, rabbits, and coyotes coming into my yard all the time and eating my flowers, shrubs, or vegetable garden, what can I do?"

**Answer:** In desert environments animals often have a tough time finding sources of food and water and are constantly competing with each other for what nature provides.

When people come along and build communities in wildlife habitat we often provide these animals with an easy source of food and water which is not natural to the environment. So our presence is the problem and at least partially the solution.

Don't leave open sources of food and water out in your yard or around the workplace. If you have pets, bring their water and food dish indoors at night.

Also, empty your bird feeder at night as this is a good source for attracting bats and other animals. If you're into landscaping your yard ask your sales person at the local garden shop about plants that will not be attractive to wildlife as a source of food.

There are alternatives to those plants that you may be more familiar with for yards decoration. Erecting a physical barrier around the plants that you wish to protect is also a good idea. The key is to keep your yard free of litter and sources of food and water.

Above all, don't leave your trash out



**Bobcat**

overnight (bears and other wildlife will love you for it) but rather place it out on the street the morning of pick-up. These steps may not eliminate the problem in one day but once the animals find out that the "free meal program" is over, they will likely go elsewhere.

**Question:** "A bird, a bat, or a snake has entered my quarters, how do I get it out?"

**Answer:** Birds and bats usually aren't a problem, just find something to wave at them and guide them to an open doorway or window.

The trick is to figure out how they got indoors in the first place. Check your quarters in detail and if you find an opening 1/2 inch or larger submit a work order if you aren't able to close the opening yourself.

You should also be very cautious of a bat found on the ground (alive or dead) as this could indicate that the bat is rabid. Rather than attempting to dispose of the bat yourself call ENRD (538-0492 or 533-1867) or the Military Police Desk (533-3000). If someone has had physical contact with the bat, inform medical personnel as soon as you can. Do not touch a live or dead bat.

Snakes can be a little trickier to handle. Again, unless you have a concern that the snake may be poisonous get a stick or a branch and gently nudge or pick up the snake with something other than your hand and move it outdoors.

The snake will be more than grateful for your assistance. If you've touched the snake wash your hands thoroughly with a disinfectant. If you have a concern that the snake may be venomous call either the

MP desk or the ENRD immediately.

Do not attempt to approach the snake yourself if you have any concern for your safety. If you're finding mouse droppings or other signs of rodent activity around your quarters or place of work set traps and get rid of them. Again, it's a question of food and the mice are the likely cause for attracting snakes.

**Question:** "What do I do if I'm bitten by a scorpion or a snake, or some other "critter" that got me when I wasn't looking?"

**Answer:** Easy answer, if you're bitten by something, and you see what bit you, try your best to remember what it looks like. Knowing what type of snake, scorpion, or spider will assist the doctor greatly in treating you.

If you're able, clean the wound with antiseptic and wrap with a loose, clean bandage and seek medical help immedi-

ately. Do not cut the wound and try to suck out the poison, this will only cause infection and make matters worse.

**Question:** "These birds are building their nests outside of my quarters and causing me to lose sleep and their droppings are making a mess, what can I do?"

**Answer:** Call the ENRD and we'll come out and make a determination concerning nest removal. Do not take matters into your own hands and remove the nest, eggs, or harass the bird.

Many birds and their nests are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and therefore can not be tampered with until the chicks have left the nest. Violations of the MBTA can result in fines and/or imprisonment.

Call the ENRD office to request someone to come out and determine if the nest is protected under the law. If the nest and birds are protected the nesting period is usually no more than a few weeks and after the young have left the nest ENRD personnel can remove it.

Fort Huachuca is a great place to live and work and one of the greatest benefits of being here is the opportunity to experience the great diversity of wildlife. Children have the benefit to learn about wildlife not just in books or television, but in their own front yards.

Additionally, post residents have an opportunity to experience many diverse environments from desert scrub to evergreen forests here on Fort Huachuca. In doing so, there are a few things that should be understood while recreating outdoors, which when followed, will ensure an enjoyable and safe experience.



**Javelinas**



# ss haven for wildlife

## Know risks of living close to bears, mountain lions

BY JOHN E. ROBERTS

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Bears and mountain lions are awesome animals that are a thrill to see in the wild, but are also a potential danger to people, our pets, and property. As summer turns to fall residents in Fort Huachuca's housing areas; and associated recreational activities in the mountains are likely ways to have an opportunity to see bears, mountain lions, and other predators close at hand.

Black bears will eat almost anything but their diet primarily consists of vegetative matter, which makes up between 80 and 95 percent of their diet. In the fall the main sources of bear food is berries, mushrooms and acorns, and meat sources when available.

Fall is a crucial period as far as nutrition is concerned, in that sufficient reserves of fat must be built up for the winter. This is particularly important for those females which are going to be suckling young during the winter hibernation.

In this part of Arizona, hibernation usually occurs from November through April, but this period changes depending upon winter temperatures. So as hibernation ends and the bears emerge the first thing they seek is food and water.

If it's not available in great enough quantity we begin to see the bears around our dumpsters, trash cans, and picnic areas. In order to protect the bears and our-

selves post residents must do everything to ensure they aren't encouraging this activity by providing a source of food or water in their yards or in the picnic areas.

Again, if residents don't provide a source of food and water the bears will look elsewhere.

Mountain lions, also called cougar, panther, puma, or catamount are strong territorial hunters, who like most cat species are active both day and night depending upon the success of the hunt.

As carnivores (meat eaters), mountain lions are very secretive and are rarely seen by humans and when they are it's only a glimpse. The mountain lion's primary source of food is deer and small game.

Bobcats are also in the mountains but are rarely seen. They can sometimes be mistaken for mountain lions. They are much smaller and unlike mountain lions which have fur that is brown to yellow, Bobcats are speckled in appearance.

Normally lions are not a threat to people unless provoked, cornered, protecting their young, or starving. But like any wild animal, they are often unpredictable and when an encounter occurs, or to prevent an encounter, the following steps should be taken (this applies to bear encounters as well).

- Do not leave any source of food or water, to include pet food, in the vicinity of your quarters after sunset. Do not put garbage out the evening before pickup during bear/mountain lion activity. After garbage pick-up bring

containers inside as soon as possible. Bring pets in at night unless they are in a kennel with a secure top. Keep the area around your quarters well lighted. This will tend to keep predators away, but if not, at least you'll have a chance to see them before they get too close. Always keep a close eye on your children at dusk and during early morning hours. This is primarily the time that predators hunt.

- Avoid hiking alone, especially during dusk and dawn. Make plenty of noise while you hike so as to reduce the chances of surprising a lion/bear. Always keep children in sight while you hike and within arms reach in areas that can conceal a predator. Hike with a good walking stick; this can be very helpful in warding off an attack.

- Do not approach a bear/lion, especially if it is feeding, or with its young. Most wild animals will avoid a confrontation so give them a chance to escape. If you do find yourself in a threatening situation STAY CALM and face the bear/lion. Do not turn and run because this may trigger the instinct to attack. Try to appear larger by raising your arms over your head and talking loudly. If present, pick up small children so that they don't panic and run. This will also make you appear larger. Avoid bending over or crouching. Slowly back away until the animal is out of sight and find a secure shelter as soon as possible. A car, outhouse, or any structure that may prevent additional encounters is better than being in the open. Scream like the dickens for help and wait for it! Don't Run!

- If you are attacked, fight back with all you've got. Throw sticks, rocks, or anything you can reach without turning your back or bending over. If all else fails protect your head and neck and continue to fight off the attack.



Mountain lion

People have successfully fought back and sent the animal fleeing.

This information is provided to make everyone aware of our wildlife and our natural surroundings and to be smart in our enjoyment of living here and appreciating the Huachuca Mountains and Fort Huachuca.

Mountain lion and black bear encounters are extremely rare but as people continue to encroach upon their natural habitat these encounters may increase.

The last reported bear attack on a human in the Huachuca Mountains occurred in the late 1880's, so it's just a matter of being aware of the environment around you while enjoying the benefits of living in such a diverse landscape.

Should a black bear or mountain lion or other predator be sighted we ask that you inform either the MP Station at 533-3000 or the Environmental and Natural Resources Division at 533-1867, 533-7084, or 533-7083.

By following these simple guidelines we will all benefit, man and animal alike. Have a great wildlife and outdoor experience while living on Fort Huachuca.



Black bear





# Service News



## Airmen complete Ironman Triathlon

Four Airmen traveled to Hawaii to join 1,724 other athletes competing in the Ironman Triathlon World Championships. All four completed the endurance race that began and ended at Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, by swimming 2.4 miles, bicycling 112 miles and running 26.2 miles.

Maj. Geoff Cleveland from Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., was the top Air Force finisher. He came in 305th overall with a time of 10 hours, 39 minutes and 32 seconds.

Capt. Dave Walick from Lackland AFB, Texas, finished in 481st place at 10:59:22; Capt. Steve Goodman from Hurlburt Field, Fla., finished in 689th place at 11:28:20; and Capt. Cami Stock from the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo., finished in 1,072nd place at 12:30:19.

The triathlon winner was Normann Stadler of Mannheim, Germany, who finished at 8:33:29. The top women's finisher was Nina Kraft of Braunschweig, Germany. She came in 37th overall at 9:33:25.

## New Navy uniform

The Navy introduced a set of concept working uniforms for Sailors E-1 through O-10 Oct. 18, in response to the fleet's feedback on current uniforms. The new uniforms will begin wear-testing this winter.

The Navy Working Uniform concepts offer four variations to be tested in the fleet. Each variation offers a combination of different patterns, dominant colors, fabric finishes and designs.

The Task Force Uniform initiative began after Sailors in the fleet expressed their concerns about the current status of Navy uniforms. Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark determined there should be an evaluation of the uniform requirements.

Some of the concerns expressed by sailors were that there are too many uniforms, they wear out quickly and are difficult to maintain. They also commented on the need for a working uniform that would be practical in different working environments and climates. The majority of respondents said they preferred a Battle Dress Uniform style working uniform.

The Navy Working Uniform is being designed to take the place of utilities, wash khaki, coveralls, woodland green, aviation green, winter working blue and tropical working uniforms. The normal wear life is designed to last up to 18 months, compared to the current wear life of six months for the working uniform.

The fleetwide wear test scheduled to begin this winter, will be conducted at commands around the world, and across the spectrum of different platforms. Approxi-

mately 60 participants, both male and female, officer and enlisted, will wear-test these concept uniforms.

For more information about Task Force Uniform, or to view or download photos, visit [www.news.navy.mil](http://www.news.navy.mil).

## Miramar responds to air show tragedy

Emergency crews aboard Marine Corps Air Station Miramar responded to a civilian performance aircraft crash at approximately 10:15 a.m. Oct. 15 near the flight line here. The aircraft crashed while performing scheduled aerobatic maneuvers at the 2004 Miramar Air Show, killing the pilot.

Sean deRosier, pilot of the custom-built "Cabo Wabo SkyRocker" aircraft, was immediately evacuated to the Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla, Calif., by an MCAS Yuma Search and Rescue helicopter.

The crash immediately suspended air show operations. Brig. Gen. Carl B. Jensen, commanding general, MCAS Miramar, restored flight operations approximately two hours later.

The crash caused no injuries on the ground and the cause is under investigation.

# Ultimate sacrifice paid in support of OIF

**Spc. Christopher A. Merville**, 26, of Albuquerque, N.M., died October 12th in Baghdad, Iraq, when his unit came under enemy fire during combat operations. Merville was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Hovey, Korea.

**Pfc. Oscar A. Martinez**, 19, of North Lauderdale, Fla. and **Cpl. Ian T. Zook**, 24, of Port St. Lucie, Fla. died Oct. 12 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Martinez was assigned to I Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif. Zook was assigned to 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif.

**Sgt. Pamela G. Osbourne**, 38, of Hollywood, Fla. and **Pfc. Anthony W. Monroe**, 20, of Bismarck, N.D. died October 11 in Baghdad, Iraq, when two rockets impacted their camp. Both were assigned to the Army's Division Artillery, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

**Staff Sgt. Michael L. Burbank**, 34, of Bremerton, Wash., died Oct. 11 in Mosul, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his Stryker military vehicle. Burbank was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, Fort Lewis, Wash.

**Lance Cpl. Daniel R. Wyatt**, 22, of Calendonia, Wis., died on Oct. 12 due to enemy action in Babil Province, Iraq. Wyatt was assigned to Marine Corps Reserve's 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division in Chicago, Ill.

**2nd Lt. Paul M. Felsberg**, 27, of West Palm Beach, Fla., and **Lance Cpl. Victor A. Gonzalez**, 19, of Watsonville, Calif., died on Oct. 13 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. They were assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force of Camp Pendleton, Calif.

**Spc. Ronald W. Baker**, 34, of Cabot, Ark., died October 13th in Landstuhl, Germany, of injuries sustained on October 7th in Taji, Iraq, when a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device detonated near his patrol vehicle. Baker was assigned to the 39th Support Battalion,

Arkansas National Guard, Lonoke, Ark.

**Staff Sgt. Brian S. Hobbs**, 28, of Mesa, Ariz. and **Spc. Kyle Ka Eo Fernandez**, 26, of Waipahu, Hawaii died on October 14th, in Miam Do, Afghanistan when an improvised explosive device detonated near their dismounted patrol. Both soldiers were assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 5th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

**Spc. Jeremy F. Regnier**, 22, of Littleton, N.H., died October 13 in Baghdad, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his patrol. Regnier was assigned to the Army's 4th Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

**Capt. Christopher B. Johnson**, 29, of Excelsior Springs, Mo. and **Chief Warrant Officer William I. Brennan**, 36, of Bethlehem, Conn. died on Saturday in Baghdad, Iraq, when their OH-58D helicopter apparently collided with another OH-58D helicopter and crashed. Both soldiers were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 25th Aviation, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Wheeler Army Air Field, Hawaii.

**Staff Sgt. Omer T. Hawkins**, II, 31, of Cherry Fork, Ohio., **Spc. Bradley S. Beard**, 22, of Chapel Hill, N.C. and **Pfc. Mark A. Barbret**, 22, of Shelby Township, Mich. died on Oct. 14, in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near their convoy. Hawkins was assigned to the Army's 44th Engineer Battalion, Camp Howze, Korea. Beard was assigned to the Army's 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Red Cloud, Korea. Barbret was assigned to the Army's 44th Engineer Battalion, Camp Howze, Korea.

**Capt. Dennis L. Pintor**, 30, of Lima, Ohio, **Spc. Michael S. Weger**, 30, of Rochester, N.Y., and **Spc. Jaime Moreno**, 28, of Round Lake Beach, Ill., died in Baghdad, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near their patrol vehicle on Oct. 12. The soldiers were assigned to the Army's 20th Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

**Lt. Col. Mark P. Phelan**, 44, of Green Lane, Pa. and **Maj. Charles R. Soltes, Jr.**, 36, of Irvine, Calif. died on Oct. 13, in Mosul, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near their convoy vehicle. Phelan was assigned to the Army Reserve's 416th Civil Affairs Battalion, Morristown, Pa. Soltes was assigned to the Army Reserve's 426th Civil Affairs Battalion, Upland, Calif.

**Pvt. David L. Waters**, 19, of Auburn, Calif., died Oct. 14 in Baghdad, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his convoy vehicle. Waters was assigned to the Army's 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y.

**Spc. Alan J. Burgess**, 24, of Landaff, N.H., died Friday in Mosul, Iraq, when a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device detonated near his patrol vehicle. Burgess was assigned to the Army National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 197th Field Artillery Brigade, Woodsville, N.H.

**Spc. Josiah H. Vandertulip**, 21, of Irving, Texas, died Oct. 14 in Baghdad, Iraq, when his dismounted patrol came under enemy fire. Vandertulip was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

**Cpl. William I. Salazar**, 26, of Las Vegas, Nev., died Friday from wounds received as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Salazar was assigned to Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

**Lance Cpl. Brian K. Schramm**, 22, of Rochester, N.Y., died Friday as result of enemy action in Babil Province, Iraq. Schramm was assigned to 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

**Sgt. Michael G. Owen**, 31, of Phoenix, Ariz., and **Spc. Jonathan J. Santos**, 22, of Whatcom, Wash. died Friday in Karabilah, Iraq, when a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device detonated near their vehicle. Both were assigned to the Army's 9th Psychological Operations Battalion, 4th Psychological Operations Group (Airborne) from Fort Bragg, N.C.



# CISM World Boxing Championships start Sunday at BFH

Fort Huachuca will host the 2004 CISM World Military Boxing Championships, with preliminary bouts beginning at 6 p.m., Sunday at Barnes Field House.

The opening ceremony will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday at Bujalski Field, next to Barnes Field House. Along with the introduction of the athletes, there will be entertainment by the 36th Army Band and the Alma Delores School of Dance, and a demonstration by B Troop. The Golden Knights U.S. Army Parachute Team will present the CISM and the American flags.

Athletes from the following countries are scheduled to compete at the CISM event: Azerbaijan, Belgium, Barbados, Germany, Italy, Ireland, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Lesotho, Morocco, Netherlands, Pakistan, Romania, Slovenia, Sudan, South Africa, Turkey, Ukraine,

United States and Uzbekistan.

The boxing championships at Fort Huachuca are one of 20 CISM world military sport championships conducted in 2004 around the globe. Some of the powerhouses of boxing will descend upon Barnes Field House for seven days of exciting international boxing competition.

The International Military Sports Council, known by the acronym "CISM" was founded in 1948 at Nice, France. The five founder nations were Belgium, Denmark, France, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

The goal of CISM is to establish permanent relations in the fields of sports and physical education between the Armed Forces of the World.

Its motto is "Friendship Through Sport".

Only personnel on active duty in the

Army, Navy, and Air Force or other uniformed services officially recognized by a member nation as being part of its Armed Forces, and agreed to by the CISM General Assembly, may take part in competitions organized by CISM, or its organizing authorities. No one may be recalled to active duty for the purpose of participating in a CISM competition. All participants must be in possession of proper documentation which signifies military service. Participants must also be a citizen of the member nation he/she represents.

The CISM and the National Championships are key preliminary competitions for our military athletes who qualify to compete at the Pan American and Olympic games.

Doors open at 6 p.m., and bouts start

at 7 p.m., Sunday and Oct. 28. Monday - Wednesday, bouts start at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Doors open at noon, the championship opening ceremony starts at 12:30 p.m., and the championship bouts start at 1 p.m., Oct. 30.

Admission to the first three days of competition, and the 2 p.m. bout Wednesday, are free.

Tickets for the final three dates of boxing are on sale now at MWR Box Office and Sierra Vista Safeway. Prices will be as follows: Oct. 27, \$5; Oct. 28, \$5; and Oct. 30, Championship Event, \$8. A three-day package for the boxing finals is also available for \$15.

For more general information call 538-1690. For more ticket information, call 533-2404.

## MWR Box Office

# Free admission to Knott's Berry Farm

The MWR Box Office has received information that Knott's Berry Farm will salute members of the Armed Forces Nov. 1 - 25, by offering free admission to active duty military, veterans and a guest. Contact the Box Office for details

about this exceptional offer.

Other offers available at the Box Office include:

- Tickets for events at the Tucson Convention Center, including: today - Sunday, "Disney on Ice, Monsters, Inc."; Nov. 1, Bela Fleck and the Flecktones; Nov. 9,

Yanni; Nov. 23 -28, "Peter Pan;" and for Tucson Ice Cats Hockey Team games during the remainder of October and November. Tickets for all TCC events may be purchased 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., only.

- Tickets for the Art Discov-

ery Series at the Buena Performing Arts Center, Sierra Vista, including the Chinese Golden Acrobats, who will perform at 7 p.m., Saturday.

- Arizona Cardinals football packages for NFL home games through Jan. 2, 2005, in Tempe,

Ariz.

Call 533-2404 for more information or drop by the MWR Box Office located in Bldg. 52008 on Arizona Street, across from the Commissary. They're open Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

## Temporary closure at BFH

To allow for CISM Boxing, the entire gym at Barnes Field House is closed now - Nov. 3. During this time, the Nautilus Room only will be open from 5 - 7 a.m. daily for physical training.

There will be no access to locker rooms, bathrooms, showers or saunas at BFH during CISM Boxing.

The Barnes facility will re-open Nov. 4. For more information, call Susan Keltner at 538-2022 or 533-0351.

## Right Arm Night at TMAC

The Thunder Mountain Activity Centre will host the next CG's Right Arm Night, 4 - 6 p.m., Oct. 29.

This is a great opportunity to relax and socialize. A pay-as-you-go bar and finger foods will be available.

For more information, call 533-3802.

## PayDay Scramble at MVGC

Mountain View Golf Course will host the next PayDay Scramble at 12:30 p.m., Oct. 29.

For more information, call 533-7088.

## Winter hours at MWR Rents

The following winter house will go into effect at MWR Rents Nov. 1: open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and closed Wednesday and Sunday.

For more information, call 533-6707.

## Army Soldier Show nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for performers and technicians for the 2005 Army Soldier Show. Nominations for performers are being accepted for vocalists, dancers, musicians and specialty acts. Nominations are being accepted for lighting, audio, video, costume and stage technicians.

The nominations should be submitted to the following address no later than Nov. 30: U.S. Army Soldier Show, Attn: 2005 Selection Committee, PO Box 439, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060.

For more information, including information regarding the required content of the nominations, e-mail [Victor.Hurtado@cfsc.army.mil](mailto:Victor.Hurtado@cfsc.army.mil). For military

questions regarding Soldier Show participants, call 1st. Sgt. Stanley Randolph at DSN 656-4937 or (703) 806-4937.

## Vendors sought for arts, crafts fair

Vendor applications are now being accepted for the MWR Arts Center's Winter Arts and Crafts Fair to be held 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Dec. 4 in Building 52008 on Arizona Street.

Local artists are invited to come and sell their crafts and works of art. Everything must be handcrafted by the artists.

Vendor applications are now available at the Arts Center. Entry fee is \$25 per space. Spaces will be given on a first-come basis.

For more information, stop by the Arts Center or call 533-2015 and ask for Ricardo Alonzo or Ulrike Tarquinio.



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# The Scout TimeOut

## Eighth grader takes band solo in stride

BY SPC.  
SUSAN REDWINE  
SCOUT STAFF

Even professional musicians with years of training get performance-hindering jitters before taking the stage. Smith Middle Schooler Steven Thomas takes his front-and-center flute solo in stride and performs with maturity uncommon to most eighth graders.

"I was kind of nervous playing the solo, being up there in front," Thomas said. "If I make a mistake, everyone will know I've made a mistake."

Despite such natural concerns, Thomas took the stage Friday during a performance at Myer Elementary School with resoluteness and assurance that would do most Soldiers proud. Listening to the opening bars of the piece, "Quick Silver," Thomas lifted the flute to his mouth and deftly executed his part, taking cues from the conductor. One would be hard-pressed to detect any

kind of nervousness in the soloist.

The Panther Band member said he's been playing the flute for five or six years and chose it over the oboe because his asthma would make the oboe difficult to play, and he couldn't find an instrument in the area to purchase. So the flute won out and he's been playing ever since.

He took private lessons before joining the beginning band in fourth grade. In fifth grade, he joined the Panther Band at Smith. He said he practices for 30 minutes each day and plans to keep playing, even as an adult.

"I haven't decided if I want to play as a professional or for fun," he said. "Either way, I think I'm going to try to keep it up."

Although Thomas said he enjoys playing the flute, it may seem incongruous that the music he prefers to listen to is heavy metal and rock. On the other hand, perhaps it fits because his

main aspirations for a career include being either a pyrotechnician or band director.

However, playing the flute is not his only love. He also is involved in tang soo do, a Korean martial art derivative of tae kwon do. Thomas said he wanted to have another extracurricular activity aside from band, so he found the karate studio and has been involved with it for about six years, winning many tournaments along the way.

About three weeks ago, Thomas even broke his toe sparring in class and has a cast on his foot to show for it.

Thomas says he has a harder time sitting down to do homework than he does going to martial arts practice or playing the flute. When asked why he enjoys the band, he says, "I just like being in it."

*(Editor's note: The Panther Band has four concert tours per year, the next being for the winter holidays.)*



Photo by Spc. Susan Redwine

Smith Middle School eighth grader practiced his solo for the fall performances of the Panther Band since the summer.



### Movies

Paparazzi plays at 7 p.m. on Saturday at Cochise theater. For the complete listing of this week's movies, see Page 28.



Photo by Elizabeth Davie

### Kiddie course

Andrea Lepos races through the obstacle course that was set up at the School Age Service Center by Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company 306th Military Intelligence Battalion.





**Male Iron NCO winner Sgt. 1st Class Michael Graff easily beat out the competition during the 5.2-mile ruck march.**

# NCOs prove their mettle, go for iron

BY SPC. SUSAN REDWINE  
SCOUT STAFF

The stars were still out and the early morning chill hung in the air when 10 Soldiers from the Noncommissioned Officers Academy arrived at Apache Flats for a competition designed to push their physical abilities and test their limits.

Contestants, graders and spectators met at 5:45 a.m. Oct. 14 for the Iron NCO competition, which consists of four events: pull-ups, one-mile a run, a 5.2-mile ruck march and dips.

The winners were not immediately known to the competitors because the pull-ups and dips were counted silently by the graders. The cadre made it clear that form was important and the guidelines would have to be stringently followed for a repetition to count during the two-minute, timed events.

"They'll know who won for the run and the ruck," said Sgt. 1st Class Marc Davis, Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course small group leader. "But no one knows how many dips or pull-ups they did correctly."

Scoring was based on raw pull-up and dip scores, plus either 27 points for first place, 24 for second or 21 for third.

There was very little time allowed between events so that once the competitors were finished with one they had just a few minutes to cool down and prepare for the next.

The male first-place finisher in the run, Sgt. 1st Class Brian Beck, easily outpaced the others, setting a blistering pace for the one-mile course. Beck swapped pole positions with the second-place male runner, Sgt. 1st Class Michael Graff, who had so much of a lead in the 5.2-mile ruck march, that he



practically tap-danced over the finish line, teasing the spectators.

"I think I did okay, I won the mile, and came second in the ruck," Beck said. "It's going to come down to pull-ups and dips."

Graff expressed confidence with his performance and his enjoyment of the competition.

"I think I won it," he said. "It was definitely enjoyable. I like the variety of events, I just wish there were more competitors."

Sgt. 1st Class Robyn Collier echoed Graff's enthusiasm for the competition.

"It was awesome," she said. "We don't get to do it [physical training] very often on recruiting duty, so I take every opportunity I can."



Photos by Elizabeth Davie

**Top: Sgt. 1st Class Brian Beck, Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course, was one of eight male and two female NCOs who participated in the Iron NCO competition Oct. 14 at Apache Flats. The competition pits the top physically fit Soldiers of the ANCOC class in a grueling event consisting of pull-ups, a one-mile run, a 5.2-mile ruck march and dips. Left: Sgt. 1st Class Robyn Collier was the female Iron NCO winner of the competition Oct. 14.**

"I wish it could be more competitive," she said, noting that there were only two female competitors in this class' Iron NCO event.

"Physical fitness is definitely an aspect of leadership," Graff said. "It gives you a chance to get out front. You can't lead anybody unless you're out in front of them."

Despite the individual competition in the event, all the NCOs pushed each other to excel and displayed camaraderie.

"It was fun," Beck said. "The stress coming into it was harder than the actual event because of the competitive spirit. Everybody wants to win. It wasn't as bad as I thought it was going to be; we all encouraged each other."

**You can't lead anybody unless you're out there in front of them.**

**Sgt. 1st Class Michael Graff, male Iron NCO winner**

"As a whole, ANCOC is a tighter and closer group because of the competition," said Sgt. 1st Class Gordon Arnold, who competed. "It helped bring ANCOC together as a team and will help the Army as a team."

The winners, Graff and Collier, will be recognized with plaques presented at the ANCOC graduation Friday.

# Army wife authors book 'From Pebble to Rock'

BY STAFF SGT.  
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ARMY NEWS SERVICE

The wife of a Fort Eustis, Va., Soldier has decided to tell a side of war that doesn't receive much publicity: the story of mothers and wives left behind when their sons and husbands deploy.

Patti Correa, spouse of Sgt. 1st Class Edward Correa, truck master with the 155th Transportation Company at Fort Eustis, has written a book, "From a Pebble to a Rock," in which she tells the true-life stories of wives and mothers forced to deal with life without their husbands and sons when they deploy.

"Usually we just hear the story about the Soldiers," said Correa, whose book was released by Xulon Press this month. "The Soldiers' story is important, but we need to tell the story of the wives and mothers on the home front."

Correa, who has been married to a Soldier for 17 years, is no stranger to separation. Her husband deployed in the first Gulf War, to Korea and, most recently, to Kuwait in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Writing "From a Pebble to a Rock," was "therapy" for

Correa, she said. She started writing the book while her husband was deployed, and by sharing her story and the story of other family members who have dealt with separation due to a deployment, she was able to successfully cope with the rigors of being a military spouse.

"You have to keep the home front going," said the first-time author. "That is the whole purpose of this book, to encourage spouses and mothers and help them deal with deployments."

The 80-page book begins and ends with Correa's story and tells how she was able to go from a "pebble" to a "rock" as a military spouse.

"When we are newly married to a military member, we are rough and grainy like a pebble," she explained. "Over time we become the rock, the firm foundation of the family, the support and refuge."

The other chapters of the book tell the stories of other military wives and mothers. The book spans several generations and wars.

The family member's experiences may have occurred during different periods in America's history, but the common thread of dealing with separation and raising a family alone transcend any one time

period.

"The stories span 60 years; different wars and times," said Lyna Tucker, Correa's friend and editor. "But essentially it is all the same - what the women had to deal with and the long waits they went through."

Even though the book was designed with women in mind, Correa's husband says the book is valuable reading for anyone involved with the military or interested in what life is like for the people who are left behind.

"This book gives you a different perspective on the unique strengths of women everywhere, from all walks of life," he said. "They didn't choose to be in that position, but they gathered that inner strength and got through the hard portions of their life."

Correa, who has a 17-year-old child with her Soldier-husband, said despite the hardships, she is proud to be a military spouse.

"I am so happy to be a military wife," she said. "I am proud to be able to stand next to and support my husband. I am glad to be there for him and my country."

Tucker said that Correa is a credit to military wives everywhere.

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Photo by Spc. Joy Pariente

## Final cross country event

**John Schaffer of Company C, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion runs 5 miles in 37 minutes and 14 seconds. The last cross country event of the season was held on Saturday in Garden Canyon, see Page 29 for results.**



## Bisbee farmers market

The Bisbee Farmers Market continues every Saturday through Oct. 30. Come Saturday and "paint the market" for prizes. There is also the Plén Aire Contest – bring your materials and paint what you see. Fresh produce and local handmade crafts will also be on hand. For more information, call 366-0331.

## Chapel teen groups car wash

The Fort Huachuca Chapel teen groups will be holding a car wash Saturday at the Main Post Chapel.

Teens in middle school and high school are welcome to enjoy the Fort Huachuca Chapel Teen Groups. Monthly events include hiking, fishing, camping, paintball, bowling, horseback riding and more. Weekly meetings are 4 – 5 p.m. Sundays for middle schoolers and 5:30 – 7 p.m. Sundays for high schoolers at the Main Post Chapel.

For more information, call Mike DeRienzo, director of youth ministry at 227-6059.

## Free concert

The Nam Jam, a free concert to honor all who serve in the military, will be held 9:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. Sunday at Reid Park, 22nd Street and Country Club in Tucson. There will also be food and carnival games.

## Youth tennis lessons

The Parks and Leisure Services are conducting after school tennis lessons starting Nov. 1. Beginner lessons will be 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. and advanced beginner/intermediate lessons will be 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays. Lessons are for youth 6 – 17 and will run four consecutive weeks. Registration is \$50.00 per student, with each class limited to eight students. Lessons will be instructed by a certified U.S. Tennis Association Professional at the King's Court Tennis Center. Registration is being taken at the Oscar Yrun Community Center, the Ethel Berger Center, and the Cove. For more information, call 458-7922.

## FHCSC to sponsor craft show

The Fort Huachuca Community Spouses Club will spon-

sor the High Desert Holiday Craft Bazaar, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Nov. 6 at Buena High School. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 803-9780.

## Adult tennis lessons

The Parks and Leisure Services will run adult tennis lessons in four one-hour increments starting 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturdays, beginning Nov. 6. The fee is \$45.00 per person for four lessons. A U.S. Tennis Association teaching professional will be the instructor. Registration is ongoing at the Oscar Yrun Community Center, Ethel Berger Center and the Cove. Lessons will be held at the King's Court Tennis Center. For more information, call 458-7922.

## Youth basketball league

Register your child by Dec. 30 for the Parks and Leisure Youth Basketball Program. League play is scheduled to begin on or about Jan. 29. The league is open to girls and boys, 5 – 15. Registration is \$65 per player for ages 5 – 8 and \$75 per player for ages 9 – 15 with all participants keeping their shirt/jersey. There will be a waiting list established for all age divisions, so insure that your child or children are registered by close of business Dec. 30. Registration begins Nov. 1 and runs through Dec. 30 at the Oscar Yrun Community Center, the Ethel Berger Center and the Cove. A \$15 late fee and program waiting list begins Dec. 31. The participant's birth certificate will be required when registering. For more information, call 458-7922.

## Sierra Vista Veterans Day Parade

Community organizations are invited to march along with veterans during the Veterans' Day Parade, 9 a.m. Nov. 11 to show their support and appreciation.

Parade applications are available at Fort Huachuca Public Affairs Office, Building 21115, Ethel Berger Center, Oscar Yrun Community Center, and Sierra Vista City Hall. Completed applications must be turned in by Nov. 5 to the Fort Huachuca Public Affairs Office or Oscar Yrun Community Center.

The following coordinators can provide specific group information: veteran groups call Leo Pimple at 459-0103,

individual veterans not connected with a veteran organization call Bobbie Hansen 803-6846, and community organizations call Lee Elaban at 458-7922. For more information, call Virginia Sciarrino at the Fort Huachuca Public Affairs Office at 533-1285.

## Adult basketball league

Find your basketball sneakers and all your friends because it's Parks and Leisure Services basketball season time! Cost is \$550 per team with teams consisting of 5 to 10 players, 16 and up. Games will be played throughout the week at Sierra Vista Middle School gym with registration running Nov. 15 – Jan. 10. Informational meeting is 6:30 p.m., Jan. 10 at the Oscar Yrun Community Center with the league scheduled to begin on or about Feb. 4. Register your team at the Oscar Yrun Community Center, the Ethel Berger Center and the Cove. For more information, call 458-7922.

## Youth basketball coaches needed

The Parks and Leisure Services are looking for volunteers 18 and older who would like to pass on their knowledge, skills and abilities to our community youth in the upcoming Youth Basketball Program. The program is for girls and boys, 5 -15, with all divisions being coed. Coaches are needed by Jan. 5 with the program schedule to start Jan. 29. Volunteer applications are available at the Oscar Yrun Community Center, the Ethel Berger Center and the Cove. For more information, call 458-7922.

## Senior women's softball

The Hot Flashes, a senior women's softball team from Sierra Vista/Bisbee, is recruiting players that are at least 47-years-old. This team travels to women's senior softball tournaments in Arizona and bordering states. For more information, call Cheryl Linendoll, 459-0607.

## Trekkers

The Trekkers are an internationally sanctioned non-competitive sports club, sponsoring four weekend walks and eight year round events in Arizona.

For more information, call Wendy or Dave Breen at 378-1763.

## Pets Of The Week



**Tank is a 9-month-old neutered pitbull mix.**



**Cassidy is a year and a half old lab mix.**

**These animals and more are available for adoption from the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility. For more information, call 533-2767 or visit [forthuachuca.petfinder.com](http://forthuachuca.petfinder.com). In accordance with Army regulation stray animals are kept for three working days to find an owner. After three days, they are either placed up for adoption or humanely euthanized. Strays are available for adoption for 30 days until they are euthanized.**

## At The Movies

Showing at the Cochise Theater for the next week are:

### Today -7 p.m.

Vanity Fair

PG-13

### Friday -7 p.m.

Paparazzi

PG-13

### Saturday -7 p.m.

Cellular

PG-13

### Sunday -2 p.m.

Napoleon Dynamite

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### Monday - Wednesday

Closed

Reduced prices on Thursday evening and Sunday matinees.

## Watch CAC

For the latest news in the Fort Huachuca community as well as all of your military branches worldwide, the Commander's Access Channel (Channel 97) is your first and most reliable source. Tune in to our news block hours at four convenient times throughout the day. The Fort Report airs weekdays at 6 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. Army NewsWatch follows at 6:05 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 6:05 p.m. and 10:05 p.m. Catch Air Force TV News right after at 7 a.m., 1 p.m., 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. Be sure to top it all off with Navy/Marine Corps News at 7:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

This week on the Fort Report, a family returns to the house they grew up in and revisit mixed emotions from a generation ago. Plus, the latest installation retirement ceremony is in the history books and we were there to capture all the highlights...All this and more on this week's edition of the Fort Report.

If you're interested in posting your message on the Commander's Channel, e-mail your request to [channel97@hua.army.mil](mailto:channel97@hua.army.mil).



# Safety tips for Halloween

BY GEORGE J. FLORA  
USAIC&FH SAFETY OFFICE

The following tips have been provided by the Fort Huachuca Safety Office for the residents on the installation to ensure a safe holiday. This year's Halloween trick-or-treating hours for ghouls and goblins are from 6-8 p.m.

**Costumes**

- Help your child pick out or make a costume that will be safe.
- Make it fire proof, the eye holes should be large enough for good peripheral vision.
- Costumes should be loose, so warm clothes can be worn underneath.
- Costumes should not be so long that they are a tripping hazard. (Falls are the leading cause of unintentional injuries on Halloween)
- Costumes should be made with light-colored materials. Strips of reflective tape should be used to make children even more visible.
- Make sure that if your child is carrying a prop, such as a scythe,

butcher knife or a pitchfork, that the tips are smooth and flexible enough to not cause injury if fallen on.

**Children should understand and follow these rules:**

- Do not enter homes or apartments without adult supervision.
- Walk from house to house; do not run .do not cross yards and lawns where unseen objects or the uneven terrain can present tripping hazards.
- Walk on sidewalks, not in the street.
- Walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic, if there are no sidewalks.

**Parents are urged to:**

- Give children an early meal before going out.
- Insist that treats be brought home for inspection before anything is eaten.
- Wash fruit, and slice it into small pieces
- Report to police anything that appears suspicious about treats.
- When in doubt, throw it out.

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"Patti is a good role model for a lot of women," said Tucker, whose husband is also assigned to the 155th. "She always thinks of someone else. She is generous, wonderful, bright and very patriotic. She is very supportive of her husband and the military."

Sgt. 1st Class Correa said he couldn't do it without his wife.

"She is a devoted mother, wife and employee," he said.

The author maintains that "From a Pebble to a Rock," will not be her last book. She plans to write a similar book in the next year, one that includes stories of military children who are faced with watching their fathers deploy to war.

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**Cross Country results**

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Sept. 11</u>	<u>Sept.25</u>	<u>Oct. 16</u>	<u>Total</u>
Company C 304th	33	22	21	76
NCOA	107	89	75	271
MEDDAC	124	117	89	330
JITC	132	146	114	392

## Youth soccer schedule

**Today**

<u>Home</u>	<u>Away</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Field</u>
Dust Devils	Dominators	5:15 p.m.	U08 Stone 1
Bobcats	Mountaineers	5:15 p.m.	U08 Drazba

**Saturday**

<u>Home</u>	<u>Away</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Field</u>
Dust Devils	Jessie's Magic	8 a.m.	U08 Stone 1
Bulldogs	Wildcats	9:30 a.m.	U10 Stone 1
Hammerheads	Mountain lions	11 a.m.	U12 DP1
Hurricanes	Rockets	11 a.m.	U06 Stone 2
Golden Explorers	Rattlers	noon	U06 Stone 1
Dominators	Coyotes	12:30 p.m.	U08 Stone 1
Mountaineers	Bobcats	12:30 p.m.	U08 Stone 2

**Tuesday**

<u>Home</u>	<u>Away</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Field</u>
Bulldogs	Avalanche	5:15 p.m.	U10 Stone 1

**Wednesday**

<u>Home</u>	<u>Away</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Field</u>
Mountain lions	Hawks	5:15 p.m.	U12 DP2
Coyotes	Mustangs	5:15 p.m.	U08 Stone 1